



Child & Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Statement

Splatter & Spark are committed to safeguarding all service users, including children and vulnerable adults with additional needs and to promoting their welfare at all times.

We recognise that every individual has the right to:

- Be safe from harm, abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- Be treated with dignity, respect and fairness.
- Have their voice heard and choices respected.
- Access services in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment.

Scope of Safeguarding

This statement applies to all staff, volunteers, contractors and partners working with Splatter & Spark. It covers safeguarding concerns for:

- Children: anyone under 18 years old (*Children First Act 2015*).
- Vulnerable adults: any person aged 18+ who may be restricted in capacity to protect themselves due to physical or intellectual disability, illness or social circumstances (*HSE Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons Policy 2014*).

Key Principles

- The welfare of children and vulnerable adults is paramount.
- All staff and volunteers must follow safeguarding procedures and report concerns promptly.

- Confidentiality is maintained in line with GDPR and Irish Data Protection Acts.
- Safeguarding is integrated into all services and activities provided by Splatter & Spark.

Designated Safeguarding Roles

- Designated Liaison Person (DLP): Colette Glackin
- Deputy DLP: Roisín McDaid

Both Colette Glackin and Roisín McDaid are Mandated Persons under the *Children First Act 2015* and are the points of contact for safeguarding concerns regarding both children and vulnerable adults.

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

- Children: All concerns are reported to Tusla – Child and Family Agency.
- Vulnerable adults: Concerns are reported to the HSE Safeguarding & Protection Team.
- Immediate risk of harm: Contact An Garda Síochána without delay.

Risk Management & Policies

Splatter & Spark have implemented the following measures to protect children and vulnerable adults:

- Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policies
- Safe Recruitment & Garda Vetting
- Staff & Volunteer Training in safeguarding, Children First and HSE procedures
- Code of Behaviour for staff and volunteers
- Health & Safety procedures and risk assessments
- Confidentiality and GDPR-compliant handling of personal data

All policies are reviewed every two years or sooner if legislation or best practice changes.

Communication & Access

This statement is:

- Available to all staff, volunteers, parents/guardians and service users.
- Published on our website and on request.
- Communicated clearly to anyone engaging with Splatter & Spark.

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